



Indiana Professional Standards Board

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No Dream Denied

The National Commission on Teaching and America's Future (NCTAF) recently released *No Dream Denied: A Pledge to America's Children*. NCTAF's new report provides an in-depth look at conditions that contribute to chronic teacher shortages across school districts and states. The report calls for a national effort to improve teacher retention by fifty percent by 2006. It proposes three strategies to meet this goal:

- Organize schools for teaching and learning success, by creating small professional communities of teachers focused on what research tells us about how children learn;
- Insist on high quality teacher preparation, accreditation, and licensure; and
- Create rewarding professional career paths that include mentored induction of novice teachers and recognition and rewards for accomplished teaching.

The entire report is available at <http://www.nctaf.org/dream/dream.html> Indiana is a NCTAF partnership state.

Mentor Training Program Applications

The Beginning Teacher Assessment Committee has set an additional deadline of **June 1** for the receipt of mentor training program applications this year. This is to accommodate applicants who wish to submit proposals before the start of the next school year. Additional information may be found at <http://www.in.gov/psb/beginningteachers/mentorprograms.html>

Did you know? For the first time in over 10 years, the credentials evaluation process is up to date and processing of out of state credentials is taking place in less than 4 weeks. (This comes from Shawn Sriver, Director of Licensing, who has the longevity to make that statement.)